

Sept 13, 1869.
J Howland

Dear Dr. Gray,

When your
very nice and jolly letter
of the 6th reached me I
wanted to acknowledge it
at once, but, being put at
that time a little over-
cooked, my wife said she
would write to Mrs. Gray
instead, and did so, di-
recting to Poste Restante, Oran.
This was five days ago.

We are looking forward to
seeing you here - at least
we do sincerely hope you
will come here. We are at
the Hôtel du Prince de Saxe
and if you are coming and
will write or telegraph I
will set rooms for you.

here or near by. I think it is doubtful whether we could go to Dresden for two or three weeks yet. The baths and waters are I believe doing me a great deal of good and the doctor wants me to keep on with them steadily. But if you are not coming here I will see if he will let me go and pass a day with you at Dresden. I suppose we shall be here a month more. We hope to pass August in Switzerland and may we not meet there again? —

If you want to rest — Leipzig is the place for you & Mrs. Gray. It is exquisitely slow. We manage by a careful system of pencil-marks on the almanac to keep the sun

of the Sundays. We have forgotten the names of all the other days and know them only as "soiled-clothes day", "Clean-clothes day" and "beef-days" and "Chicken day". The latter occurring alternately. So-day, for instance, is Chicken-Sunday. There is no English service here, and we miss the pleasant hour we all used to pass together in the dear old "Job's". My wife went to the German prot. Church this morning; but as she could not make out whether the clergyman was reading prayers or notices for a Sunday-school picnic and a fancy fair, I doubt think she was much edified. I was "simmering" at the time and

having a good time, for the
salties, only weakening at
first, have now a fine
tonic effect and the hot-
ter I take them the stronger
I feel.

Do let us hear from you as
soon as you reach Dresden
and let us know what
your plans are.

My wife joins me in love
to Mrs. Gray & yourself.

Truly & Affectionately Yours
Joseph Howland

P.S. We had a nice long let-
ter from I. yesterday. She
& Miss Louisa were at
Seven Oaks, Kent. They were
to sail on the 19th. Both
well - though Miss L. "not
very strong" and enjoying
themselves very much